



Ringling College Voting Resources

Your guide to voting locally, voting nationally, choosing a candidate, teaching guides, and more.

This page offers resources from various perspectives to combat bias and help you make the best decision for you and your needs. We include resources from non-partisan civic engagement in higher education national partners. #RinglingVotes

SARASOTA AND MANATEE COUNTY RESOURCES

[Sarasota Magazine, How to Vote in Sarasota County](#)

[Sarasota County candidates](#)

[Manatee County candidates](#)

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CHOOSING A CANDIDATE

Choosing a candidate can be an overwhelming choice for some voters. There is a lot to consider—from a candidate's qualifications, voting history, and policy platforms. Below are some tools to help voters find candidates who align with their own values and beliefs.

[I SIDE WITH](#)

I Side With is a nonpartisan quiz that will help you determine how your beliefs align with those of current candidates running for office.

[POLITICAL TYPOLOGY QUIZ](#)

Using a nationally representative survey conducted by the Pew Research Center, Pew Research offers the Political Typology Quiz to help you identify which political group best fits you and your

values.

[VOTE SMART](#)

Learn which Presidential and Congressional candidates are most like you in Vote Smart's unbiased research tool and quiz, Vote Easy.

BALLOT AND ISSUE GUIDES

[VOTE411](#)

Vote411's website includes a nonpartisan ballot guide that creates personalized ballot information for users. Candidate information is centered around the candidates' responses to questions from the League of Women Voters.

[BALLOTREADY](#)

Allows users to enter their address and access nonpartisan information about everything on their ballot. Users can then fill it out and use it as a reference for when they vote. They can also share their ballot with friends and family.

[BALLOTPEDIA](#)

Covers an extensive variety of information about elections, policies, voting, and government in the United States. Includes the BallotReady portal for students to view what's on their ballot. Please keep in mind that some organizations may demonstrate a bias towards the interests of their audiences. To combat bias and to help you make the best decision for you and your needs, you'll find resources from various perspectives on this page.

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[VOTO LATINO](#)

Voto Latino is a civic engagement organization focused on educating and empowering a new generation of Latinx voters and creating a more robust and inclusive democracy. Through innovative digital campaigns, culturally relevant programs, and authentic voices, we shepherd the Latinx community toward the full realization of its political power.

[VoteRiders](#)

A database of identification (ID) requirements for voting either absentee or in-person.

[ALL IN to Vote](#)

For information on voter registration, making a plan to vote, researching your ballot, becoming a poll worker, and more.

[ActiVote](#)

The ALLIN with ActiVote platform is a free personal democracy experience that is completely tailored to the local community in which you vote. Find details on your upcoming elections and sign up for reminders to ensure you never miss a primary or local election going forward! ALLIN with ActiVote gamifies the process of preparing your ballot to ensure you confidently vote in every election.

FACT-CHECKING

factcheck.org

"We are a nonpartisan, nonprofit "consumer advocate" for voters that aims to reduce the level of deception and confusion in U.S. politics. We monitor the factual accuracy of what is said by major U.S. political players in the form of TV ads, debates, speeches, interviews, and news releases. Our goal is to apply the best practices of both journalism and scholarship and to increase public knowledge and understanding."

politifact.com

"PolitiFact is a fact-checking website that rates the accuracy of claims by elected officials and others on its Truth-O-Meter."

snopes.com

"When misinformation obscures the truth and readers don't know what to trust, Snopes' fact-checking and original, investigative reporting lights the way to evidence-based and contextualized analysis. We always document our sources so readers are empowered to do independent research and make up their own minds. Snopes.com is an independent publication owned by Snopes Media Group."

[AllSides](https://allsides.org)

AllSides strengthens our democratic society with balanced news, diverse perspectives, and real conversation. We expose people to information and ideas from all sides of the political spectrum so they can better understand the world—and each other. Our balanced news coverage, media bias ratings, civil dialogue opportunities, and technology platforms are available for everyone and can be integrated by schools, nonprofits, media companies, and more.

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FACULTY AND STAFF RESOURCES

ELECTION TEACHING TOOLS

Resources: [*How can educators be ready to talk about politically charged topics in and beyond the classroom?*](#)

[Facilitating Political Discussions: A Facilitator Training Workshop Guide](#)

[Teaching Around the Election](#)

[Vote By Design Educator Guide](#)

NSLVE REPORTS

[2020 NSLVE Campus Report](#)

[2014 and 2018 NSLVE Campus Report](#)

[2012 and 2016 NSLVE Campus Report](#)

[About the NSLVE Report](#) from Tufts University

The National Study of Learning, Voting, and Engagement (NSLVE) offers colleges and universities an opportunity to learn their student registration and voting rates and, for interested campuses, a closer examination of their campus climate for political learning and engagement and correlations between specific student learning experiences and voting. Critical to our broader mission of strengthening college student learning for democracy, NSLVE's goals are to:

- Provide a service to colleges and universities interested in learning about their students' voting habits
- Build a national database for research on college student political learning and engagement in democracy

More information about the NSLVE report can be found [here](#).